

Friday, July 18, 2014

The Maryland Board of Occupational Therapy (OT) Practice (Board)

**Location: Spring Grove Hospital Center
55 Wade Avenue – Bland Bryant Building, 4th Floor**

Chairperson: Christine Moghimi, ScD., MAS, OTR/L

9:00 a.m.

GENERAL SESSION MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Christine Moghimi, ScD., MAS, OTR/L, Chairperson
Kamala Stevenson, MS, OTR/L, Vice Chairperson
Kuzhilethu Kshepakaran, M.Ed., OTR/L, CAPS, FAOTA
Vanessa Hughes, COTA/L
Cassandra Brown, Consumer
Meenakshi Gupta, Consumer Member
Iyna Adams, OTR/L, CPAM

NON-BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Donna Ashman, Executive Director
Grant Gerber, Board Counsel
Marilyn Pinkney, Licensing Coordinator
Jo-Ann Lane, Network Specialist

GUESTS

Linda Beyer, Board & Commissions Fiscal Officer
Robyn Elliott, MOTA
Francine Miles, MOTA
Sarah Quirk, MOTA

1. Dr. Moghimi called the General Session meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. Dr. Moghimi invited the guests to introduce themselves. Dr. Moghimi read the following statement:

Except in instances when the Board of Occupational Therapy expressly invites public testimony, questions, comments, or other forms of public participation is otherwise authorized by law, no member of the public attending an open session may participate in the session.

2. Dr. Moghimi motioned to amend the General Session agenda - July 18, 2014. Ms. Hughes seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor.
3. Ms. Brown motioned to approve the General Session Minutes – June 20, 2014. Ms. Hughes seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Dr. Moghimi led the discussion on the 2104 renewal survey results. The Board members and guests participated in the discussion. The Board recommends more information on the biennial before moving

forward with the next renewal cycle. The MOTA representation will take the results back the President of MOTA and will report back to the Board.

REPORTS

1. Mr. Gerber reported that the Record Retention Policy and DocuSign service are still works in progress. Ms. Ashman indicated that she incorporated both of these issues with the larger Automation Initiative Project.
- 2a. Mr. Gerber stated that he would reply to the dry needling inquiry that was discussed during the Board meeting in June. Mr. Gerber stated that although the Board feels dry needling is within the scope of practice for a licensed occupational therapist, an opinion from the AG's necessitates the need for regulations. Ms. Ashman distributed a copy of proposed regulations on dry needling drafted by the Board of Physical Therapy. The Board had discussion on developing dry needling regulations for OT. Ms. Ashman stated she would forward the 2010 opinion from the AG's office, which is the basis for developing regulations. The Board will revisit this issue at the upcoming Board workshop. The Board members will forward any additional information on this subject to be included at the Board's workshop. Ms. Ashman will contact Kristen Neville, Regulations Coordinator, Boards and Commission before the Board's workshop for the latest news on this regulatory issue.
- 2b. Dr. Moghimi forwarded the Telehealth update for Board review. The Board had discussion. Dr. Moghimi will confirm the revision before forwarding to the Board office for website display.
3. Ms. Hughes and Mr. Kshepakaran stated that the continuing education reviews have been business as usual.
4. Mr. Gerber provided background on the document distributed to the Board regarding Groupon advertising for Chiropractic & Massage Therapy services. The Board had discussion and has no position at this time.
- 4a. Ms. Hughes will draft a response to the inquiry from a CCBC student regarding NMES. She stated she would forward the draft to Ms. Ashman to finalize and then distribute.
- 4b. Ms. Ashman forwarded to the Board the FY 15 Reimbursement Rates for expenses.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS continued...

2. The Board had discussion on possible dates for the upcoming Board workshop. The Board agreed to the date of September 18-19. The location of the workshop will be determined. Ms. Ashman asked if the Board members had any additional agenda items to include and/or suggestions for guests to invite.
3. Ms. Hughes reported that she completed the call for papers for the MOTA workshop and submitted it to MOTA. She is awaiting a response as to whether MOTA would like the Board to make a presentation at the workshop especially given that the conference will be condensed into one day. The upcoming MOTA Conference is Friday, November 21, 2014 the same day as the OT Board meeting.
4. Ms. Ashman reported that the June minutes reflected the upcoming NBCOT Conference would waive 1 night stay and the registration fee for Board members who wish to attend the conference. Ms. Ashman suggested that the Board members handle their individual registrations and record their mileage and meal costs on the expense report to request reimbursement.
5. Ms. Brown and Ms. Gupta will be registered to attend the CAC meeting on October 23 and 24, 2014.

- Ms. Brown announced the nominations for Board positions for the upcoming term 2014-2015. Ms. Brown announced that the Board's new Chairperson is Kamala Stevenson, MS, OTR/L and Vice Chairperson is Iyna Adams, OTR/L, CPAM. Ms. Stevenson appointed Ms. Hughes as the complaint liaison. Ms. Hughes accepted the appointment. Ms. Ashman proposed the addition of an expert witness to support the complaint liaison in reviewing and pursuing cases. The expert witness, if needed, can appear via video or teleconference. Mr. Gerber has a memorandum of request to forward to Ms. Ashman to start the process. Mr. Gerber stated that AAG's office handles these requests.

NEW BUSINESS

- Ms. Adams tabled the ratification of applicants until after the Executive Session.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- There were no announcements at the Board meeting

ADJOURNMENT

Pursuant to the Maryland Government Article, Section 10-508(a)(13), Annotated Code of Maryland, Dr. Moghimi adjourned the General Session meeting at 10:50 a.m.

Dr. Moghimi reopened the General Session meeting at 12:38 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS continued ...

- Ms. Adams provided the ratification of 31 occupational therapists and 8 occupational therapy assistants for licensure. Ms. Stevenson motioned to approve the 39 therapists for licensure. Dr. Moghimi seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor.

Brian Johnson	Occupational Therapist
Lisa Danvers	Occupational Therapist
Mara Levy	Occupational Therapist
La Jeim I Coleman	Occupational Therapist
Edward Schultz	Occupational Therapist
Susan Moczydlowski	Occupational Therapist
Amorisa Rosario	Occupational Therapist
Tonya Gaines	Occupational Therapist
Alexandra Himes	Occupational Therapist
Amandeep Kaur	Occupational Therapist
Lauren Kern	Occupational Therapist
Kelly M McCabe	Occupational Therapist
Elizabeth Sipma	Occupational Therapist
Julie Griffin	Occupational Therapist
Amanda Schlenker	Occupational Therapist
Donna Adams	Occupational Therapist
Michelle Christie	Occupational Therapist
Elouise Jane Timbang	Occupational Therapist
Maria Andrea Adriano	Occupational Therapist
Lorine Kaye Cabrera	Occupational Therapist
Lourdes Filippi	Occupational Therapist
Kathleen Kirchner	Occupational Therapist
Amy Miller	Occupational Therapist
Coleman Miller	Occupational Therapist
Ishita Shah	Occupational Therapist
Bryanne Manzitti	Occupational Therapist
Aileen Gorman	Occupational Therapist

Joanne Villapando	Occupational Therapist
Kathleen Kirchner	Occupational Therapist
Kelly Hiltz - Reinstatement	Occupational Therapist
Kathryn Bucher	Occupational Therapist
Karen Tinus	Occupational Therapy Assistant
Allison Huber	Occupational Therapy Assistant
Haleigh Meyers	Occupational Therapy Assistant
Nicole Tipton	Occupational Therapy Assistant
Keisha Collins	Occupational Therapy Assistant
Giesela I Simmons	Occupational Therapy Assistant
Annette Sestito	Occupational Therapy Assistant
Michael B. Smith	Occupational Therapy Assistant

Pursuant to the Maryland Government Article, Section 10-508(a)(13), Annotated Code of Maryland, Dr. Moghimi adjourned the General Session meeting at 12:40 p.m.

Submitted by:

Marilyn Pinkney
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